

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Howard R5281

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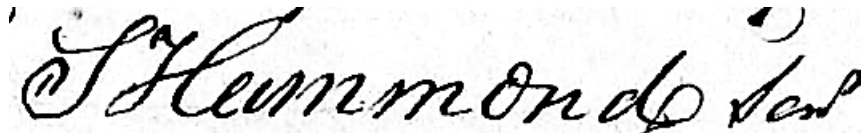
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Charleston 22nd of March 1838

I, Samuel Hammond, at present of Charleston, but an Inhabitant of the district of Edgefield South Carolina State – That in January 1772 I saw the late John Howard doing duty as a Militia man in Colonel Dooly's [John Dooly] Regiment of Georgia Militia, in General Andrew Williamson's Brigade of Ninety Six militia nearly opposite Augusta, then occupied by the British. My acquaintance was then partial. Soon after that, I became more intimately acquainted with him as his zeal, patriotism, and activity became more conspicuous, and more immediately under my notice. He was in service through the Stono campaign in June 1789. The Battle there, I find by reference to my notes, was on the 20th June. Some 10 to 15 days after that, the Militia was discharged and the Georgians separated from those of South Carolina, and I had no further intercourse with him until the Siege of Savannah in September, when I found him again under Colonel Dooly in service, and in the Battle. Soon after that, we were again separated. On the 16th or 17th May 1780 Colonel Dooly was in Augusta, Howard with him, when the news of the surrender of Charleston, was read to the Troops then in service there. The Militia were discharged. Colonel Dooly returned home to Wilkes County, and while preparing to retreat to the North, was murdered in his House. His Lieutenant, Colonel Clark [Elijah Clark] and part of that Regiment retired to North Carolina. Whether Captain Howard went with him or not, I cannot say: but, on my return to Carolina, and to the Siege of Augusta, I found Howard in the command of a small Company of Georgians, doing duty with Colonel Williamson commanding Colonel Clark's Regiment. He continued with his Company under Colonel James Jackson, and immediately under my notice, until Brown [Thomas Brown], Grearson's [James Grierson] and Galphin's Fort surrendered in \_\_. After that, the Georgia Troops, passed down towards Savannah, and I was with General Green [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina. Of course I cannot say how long Howard continued but believe he continued until the British evacuated Savannah. I saw him in Augusta after that and was informed by him, that he should visit his former residence in North Carolina, and should return and settle in Carolina. He did return, settle and married there, where he was much respected.

As to his services in the Georgia line Continental Troops, I know nothing personally; but have seen letters to him from a Major Gold, of Colonel S. Jack's [Samuel Jack] Regiment urging him to claimed his pay, and know that Georgia gave him to land warrant: – one – as a Continental County, and the other as a State Soldier and an Officer, which warrants he lost. I further affirm, That, I know that he received land Warrants from Georgia, because I was a Member of the Legislature of Georgia, and was present, when he submitted a petition to have those Warrants renewed. And I further affirmed that I was well acquainted with Mrs. Howard, the widow of the said John Howard. They both resided in the same District with myself – viz.

Edgefield for many years past. He died in the Month of February in the year 1831 and Mrs. Howard, his widow, afterwards. I also am well acquainted with his only two surviving sons – Doctor A. G. Howard of Charleston, and Mr. William Howard of Edgefield, and his daughter Mayhalie, and they are the only surviving children of John Howard of the Revolution  
S/ S. Hammond Senr.<sup>1</sup>



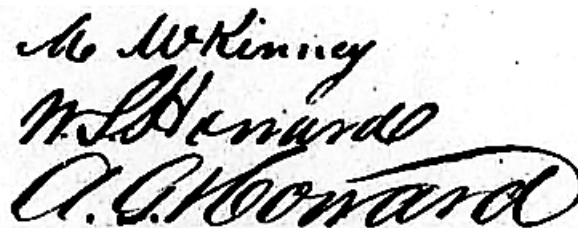
[Attested by Jacob Axson, Recorder of the City of Charleston, 4 April 1838]

United States of America  
South Carolina district

To the Honorable Joel R. Poinsett Secretary of War of the United States  
The Humble Petition of William S. Howard; Alfred G Howard, and M. \_\_\_ Howard, now Mrs. McKinney of South Carolina Sheweth your petitioners are the only Children of Captain John Howard of the Revolutionary War: That their Mother Mrs. Margaret Howard departed this life in the Month of July in the year of our Lord 1834, having survived their Father. They further show that their deceased Father, the said John Howard entered the Army in the Revolution at an early period, having served in the Continental line under the command of Captain D. Cade [Drewry or Drury Cade], in Colonel S. Jack's Regiment for three years. The fact of this service, was repeatedly mentioned to the petitioners by their Father, and is further proved by the accompanying Statement of Colonel Samuel Hammond in relation to the land Warrants granted to him by the State of Georgia. It further appears that afterwards – performed service in Colonel Dooley's and other regiments of the Georgia Militia up to some period in the year 1779, and during the subsequent periods of the Revolutionary Warfare, he was engaged in the capacity of Captain in the Georgia Militia, and continued in that service until the termination of Hostilities.

Your petitioners further humbly sheweth that their said Father departed this life in the Month of February in the year of our Lord 1831, and during his life, never received any compensation for his revolutionary Services.

Your Petitioners now respectfully submit their case, and prayed that such provision, as they may be entitled to receive, the awarded to them.



Doctor A. G. Howard of Charleston appeared & made oath to the truth of the above written Petition before me this 2nd day of April in the year of our Lord 1838 at Charleston.

S/ Tho. O. Elliott, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)